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Queries 'Quote' Of Khrushchev

To the Editor:

If Nikita Khrushchev ever deserts to America, he will be able to make millions on a speaking tour through cities like Kalamazoo, denouncing such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union, the U.S. State Department and the National Council of Churches.

Nikita has become one of the most quotable and authoritative people in the world. He is especially popular among some of our 110 per cent Americans . . . those who feel that they are "better informed," and those who have somehow become immune to fallout.

We're told that Nikita Khrushchev said, "We cannot expect the Americans to jump from capitalism to communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of socialism, until they suddenly awake to find they have communism."

Sen. Metcalf of Montana tried recently (Congressional Record, Volume 110, page 5397, March 18, 1964) to find out when and where Mr. Khrushchev actually made this statement. The Library of Congress, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, FBI and CIA were not able to verify that Nikita ever said those ominous words.

CIA Director McCone advised that, "to the best of our knowledge we believe the quotation to be spurious." Sen. Metcalf's findings probably will not convince the "better informed Americans" . . . the Library of Congress, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, FBI, CIA and even Sen. Metcalf could easily be part of Khrushchev's evil conspiracy, couldn't they?

The quote, even if invented, is too good for "better informed Americans" to reject completely; those people have to accept untruths on faith alone. So do the Russians. (Signed) Kenneth W. Rodarmer, 8384 Greenfield Shores, Scotts.

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